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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 16, 2003, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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A two-month extension of time believed to be necessary and is hereby requested, payment for which is enclosed. If, however, a further extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.